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Candidate Kit for November School Election Is Available Online

The New Jersey School Boards Association has published an online **Candidate Kit** with information for citizens interested in running for a position on their local board of education in November. More than 500 school districts will conduct elections on Tuesday, Nov. 5, the date of the General Election.

To download a kit, check the "What's New" section of NJSBA's [website](http://www.njsba.org) or go directly to the kit online, at www.njsba.org/candidacy.

The School Board Candidate Kit includes:

- A county-by-county listing of information about the nominating petition, which is the document that gets a candidate's name on the ballot;

- A description of how to become a board member, with frequently asked questions;

- Important dates in the school election process;

- Online candidate briefings where NJSBA staff explain what to expect if elected to a school board; and

- School ethics information and resources for campaign reporting.

June 4 Deadline To have their names placed on the November election ballot, candidates for school board office must submit a nominating petition to the county clerk by 4 p.m. on June 4.

Two Election Dates For decades, New Jersey voters in more than 90 percent of school districts selected school board candidates and determined their school district's budget on the third Tuesday of each April. However, legislation enacted early in 2012 allowed communities to move their annual school election date to the General Election in November. Adopting the change places school board *candidates* on the November ballot, but eliminates the requirement that a school board submit its proposed *budget* to the voters as long as it remains at or below the state's 2-percent levy cap.

In all, 501 of the state's elected school boards will hold their elections in November 2013, while 41 school districts held their elections in April of this year.

For more information, contact NJSBA's Communications Department by calling (609) 278-5209 or **via email**.

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